IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the title please insert the following heading and paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of PCT Application No. PCT/EP2003/011569, filed on October 17, 2003, the disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Please insert the following heading prior to paragraph **[0001]**:
FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following heading prior to paragraph **[0002]**:
BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please amend paragraph **[0003]** as follows:

[0003] Such initiatives have already been pursued for some time for various types of machine <u>tools</u> ~~tool~~.

Please insert the following heading prior to paragraph **[0008]**:
SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please amend paragraph [0020] as follows:

[0020] In the present case, such a signature method that is already known from the prior art can thus be additionally used not only for checking on the machine tool whether the machine control parameters were actually generated for this machine, but also for determining whether the system which generated the data - that is the sender in the terminology used above - is also actually suitable and authorized to do so, for instance on the basis of a corresponding list. If this is not the case, in this embodiment the machine does not process the corresponding machine control parameters. Such an embodiment consequently offers the possibility of certifying systems for the generation of machine control parameters and enabling them for the activation of machine tools. In this way it is possible to <u>exclude from activation</u> ~~prevent for instance that~~ those systems which do not

offer sufficient assurance <u>of</u> ~~for the~~ security<u>.</u> ~~of the often highly complex activation of the machine with its axes are excluded from the activation of the machines.~~

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<u>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS</u>
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